

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 3-12 are currently pending in this application. By this Amendment, Claims 1 and 6-12 are amended; and no claims are canceled or added herewith. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by this Amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1, 3-5 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph; Claims 1, 3-5, 7 and 10-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,047,376 to Hosoe; and Claims 6, 8 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Hosoe.

With respect to the rejection of the claim under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Claims 1 and 8 are amended by the present amendment. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112, is respectfully requested.

With respect to the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and § 103, those rejections are respectfully traversed. Applicant respectfully submits that the applied art does not teach or suggest a third storage region having an ID unique to said recording medium stored therein, wherein at least part of data downloaded from the server includes a list of selectable content data based on the unique ID, and the list of selectable content data includes one or more of content data names, use limitations, and prices of the content data, as recited in Claim 1 and similarly recited in the remaining independent claims.

Instead, Hosoe merely discloses that on the side of the server 1, identification information transmitted, is received by the access authentication means 17, activated in the CPU 11, then compared to identification information stored beforehand. Depending on the comparison results, the client 2 is given access permission. If, the memory medium identification information is known not to have been registered in the identification key table

31 or not to have been within the validity period, the authentication server 37 returns access refusal at S13. According to Hosoe, the above procedure enables only the user who bought a CD EXTRA storing, for example, some music to enjoy the corresponding music information via the internet 100. This music information is given in such a configuration that its lower-order layer comprises artist information and also its even lower-order layer comprises new music note and concert information. With the music information service accessed as described above, the user obtains his desired artist information and then receives the information of the artist concert date or new music note.

As shown in Fig. 8, when the server authentication program is activated, the system indicates at the display device 23 which service is to be requested at S31, detects whether a direction input is given at S32, if it is given, reads out and deciphers the identification number of the service corresponding to the server address, and based on this number, makes an access request at S33. The system uses the identification number sent from the client to identify service corresponding to this identification number at and to start the corresponding service.

Accordingly, there is no teaching or suggestion for the features of the claimed invention discussed above. For example, as set forth at least at page 14, line 1 to 16, the user terminal equipment 5 receives the content data list and outputs it as a display image. The user can select favorable content data from among the displayed list and issue a request for downloading the favorable content data. The content data list is displayed and the user can observe the display and select desired content data from within the content data list. For at least the reasons set forth above, the features discussed above are not taught by Hosoe.

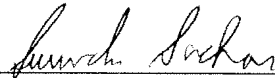
Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and § 103 is respectfully requested.

Consequently, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. A Notice of Allowance for Claims 1 and 3-12 is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

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